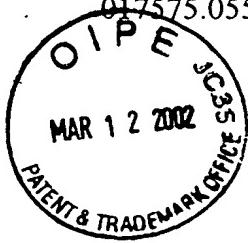


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Prior to the initial review of this patent application entitled *SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING QUIESCENT CURRENT IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT* by Duncan M. Walker et al., please amend the application as follows: